

"HIS STORY" PARENT GUIDE

Lesson 3.2: Abraham and Isaac

SCRIPTURE: GENESIS 22

SUMMARY

God chose a man named Abraham for a very special purpose, and although Abraham and his wife were very old, God promised them a son. In their old age, they miraculously had a son named Isaac, but later God commanded Abraham to sacrifice Isaac. Abraham obeyed God and took Isaac to the mountain where he was to be sacrificed, all the while trusting God to provide a substitute sacrifice for Isaac even though he did not see one. Just as Abraham was about to kill Isaac, God provided a sacrifice in Isaac's place. Because of Abraham's obedience, God promised to bless Abraham mightily. The great truth of this lesson is both that God rewards faith, and that He provides a sacrifice — ultimately the sacrifice of Jesus on the cross.



KEY VERSES:

*And Abraham lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, behind him was a ram, caught in a thicket by his horns. And Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. So Abraham called the name of that place, "The LORD will provide"; as it is said to this day, "On the mount of the LORD it shall be provided."
(Genesis 22:13-14)*

KEY THOUGHT:

In Lesson 3.2 we learned that God provided a sacrifice for Abraham in place of his only son, Isaac. God provided a sacrifice for humanity in sending His one and only Son, Jesus.

KEY WORD:

Sacrifice: forfeiting of something highly valued for the sake of something considered having greater value

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- What is the one key thought that you learned tonight?
- What do you think Abraham was thinking as he was taking Isaac to the mountain where he was to be sacrificed?
- How does Abraham's obedience in taking Isaac to be sacrificed demonstrate incredible faith?
- Why did Abraham tell Isaac "God Himself will provide a lamb for a burnt offering" even though Abraham did not actually have a lamb with him and God had not told him that exactly?
- In what way did the lamb save Isaac's life?
- In what way is Jesus Christ similar to the lamb that was used in place of Isaac?
- After seeing Abraham's great faith, what was the great blessing that God promised to him?
- What should you do with the lesson you learned tonight? What should we do?